bunal to solve the problems of small and sick industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government contemplate to face/solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Small Scale Industries Board in its meeting held on the 16th December, 1994 had recommended that an institutional arrangement in the form of a Tribunal be made. This will act as the mechanism of rehabilitation of potentially viable, but sick, SSI units so as to enable detection of sickness at the incipient stage and implementation of rehabilitation packages within the stipulated time frame.

(c) For tackling the problems of industrial sickness in SSI sector and rehabilitation of sick units, Reserve Bank of India has issued guidelines to commercial banks in February, 1987 containing inter-alia, definition of sick SSI units, viability norms, incipient sickness, as also reliefs/concessions from banks/financial institutions for implementation of packages in the case of potentially viable sick (SSI) units.

Regulatory body to monitor functioning of Sugar Factories

2827. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a regulatory body to monitor the functioning of sugar factories;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, which authority should farmers approach to voice their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The farmers can approach the sugarcane regulatory authorities under the State Governments to voice their grievances.

Foreign exchange earned through exports of marine products

2828. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total foreign exchanged earned through export of marine products in 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) the proportion of marine products export during each of these years which took place under the auspices of multinational corporations; and

(c) the net profits earned each year by these corporations from such exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) The total foreign exchange earned through the export of marine products in the period 1991-92 to 1995-96 is as under:—

Year	Foreign Exchange Earned (Rs. Crores)
1991-92	1375.89
1992-93	1768.56
1993-94	2503.62
1994-95	3575.27
1995-96	3501.11

SOURCE: M P E D A

(b) Export of marine products are not classified on a corporate basis. Therefore, it is not possible to gauge the proportion exported under the auspices of multinational corporations.

(c) Does not arise.

Rehabilitation of workers from National Relief Funds in Gujarat

2829. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of funds released or rehabilitation of workers from the National Relief Funds, in Gujarat and in other States and Union Territories; and

(b) the total number of workers rendered jobless due to closure of mills in public and private sector during the last three years, State-wise and how many of them have been rehabilitated with the help of funds from the NRF?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) An amount of Rs. 1513.85 crore has been released from the National Renewal Fund during the years 1992-93 to 1995-96 (Provisional), for implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) in the Central Public Sector Undertakings and for Counselling, Retraining and Redeployment assistance to the rationalised workers.

(b) According to the Ministry of Labour, the provisional number of workers affected due to closure of industrial units during the years 1993, 1994 and 1995 is as follows:—

Years	Provisionl No. of workers
1993	25,658
1994	21,394
1995	14,495

State-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement (*see* below)

According to the information furnished by nodal agencies of Employee Assistance Centres, set up with assistance from National Renewal Fund, number of workers covered as on 31st July, 1996is as follows:

Activity	No. of workers
Counselling	19,310
Retraining	11,752
Redeployment	2,234

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State-wise number of workers affected due to closure

State/Union Territory	1993(P)	1994(P)	1995(P)
1.	2.	3.	4.
Andhra Pradesh	521	—	—
Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—
Assam	—	12	—
Bihar	57	189	90
Goa	234	43	141
Gujarat	1,296	7,733	5,950
Haryana	301	115	229
Himachal Pradesh	182	135	..
Jammu & Kashmir	—	—	..
Karnataka	—	—	8
Kerala	94	116	60
Madhya Pradesh	—	509	—
Maharashtra	1,200	1,178	657
Manipur	—	—	—
Meghalaya	21	—	—
Mizoram	—	—	—
Nagaland	—	—	—

1.	2.	3.	4
Orissa	249	104	1(
Punjab	345	9	-
Rajasthan	291	349	9
Sikkim	—	—	-
Tamil Nadu	18	35	-
Tripura	411	4,535	2,73
Uttar Pradesh	19,817	5,804	3,61
West Bengal	236	197	-
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	—	—	-
Chandigarh	—	..	59
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	61	22	1(
Delhi	—	—	-
Daman & Diu	68	150	-
Lakshadweep	—	—	-
Pondicherry	256	159	201
TOTAL:	25,658	21,394	14,49

(P) = Provisional
= Nil
= Not available

Increase in Prices of Essential Items

2830. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the increase in prices of essential item supplied to the consumers through the Public Distribution System during the last three years, details item-wise; and

(b) the component of food subsidy provided to PDS, year-wise and item-wise from 1991-92, till date, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) Central Government supplies foodgrains, kerosene and imported edible oils at fixed Central Issue Prices (CIP) to States/UTs for distribution through Public Distribution System (PDS) States/UTs add overhead charge such as transportation charges, dealers margins etc. while fixing the end retail prices for these items for supply to consumers through Fair Price Shops. The details of increases in end-retail prices are not maintained by the Central Government. Details of CIP fixed by Central Government for rice, wheat, sugar and edible oils during the last three years are furnished in the Annexure. The end retail price for sugar is fixed by Central Government as shown in the enclosed statement. (*See* below)

(b) The total food subsidy (excluding sugar) since 1991-1992 is as under:—

Year	Total subsidy excluding sugar
1991-92	2850.00
1992-93	2785.28
1993-94	5537.14
1994-95	4509.00
1995-96	4940.30
1996-97	2297.30
	(Upto Sept., 96)

However, the break up of subsidy for PDS is not available.